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(C) In response to Ref A demarche, MFA Third Department Director General Simmu Tiik told the DCM that the Ministry's Spokesman had already informed the press that the GOE condemns the North Korean nuclear test. According to the BNS News Service, the Ministry Spokesman stated on November 9 that: "Together with its partners Estonia stands firmly against North Korea's nuclear ambitions, which pose a threat to stability in the region and the entire world." Tiik said that legislation is in place in Estonia to enforce any sanctions passed by the UNSC or the EU. He indicated that unilateral sanctions would be more difficult legally, but promised that the MFA would have a word with Estonia's financial regulators asking them to keep a particularly close eye on any transactions that might in any way be linked to North Korea.
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